

# 8th Services Squadron

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Adding another notch in the Kunsan awards belt, Pacific Air Forces recently recognized the 8th Services Squadron as the recipient of the 2001 PACAF Outstanding Services Award, also known as the Maj. Gen. Eugene L. Eubank Award.

According to Maj. Kerri Cole, 8th SVS commander, the squadron won because of its dedication to quality of life issues.

"We focus on quality of life issues for our troops all of the time, 365 days a year," said Cole. "We actually go the extra mile for all holiday events to ensure troops who are 8,000 miles away from family have the best experience they can possibly have, given their situation."

Facing challenges such as being without a commander for six months, three typhoon scares, 23 inches of rain, seven exercises, the holiday season, and the recent Operational Readiness Inspection, the 8th SVS still managed to accomplish the mission and more.

"For our squadron, it never stops," said Cole. "We work when the Wolf Pack works and we work when the Wolf Pack plays—that by itself is a challenge."

When an Aug. 7 storm dumped 23 inches of rain on Kunsan and flooded the local community, members of the 8th SVS were there to help. They showed support by establishing emergency lodging and a feeding plan to provide hot meals for troops working in the elements. The effort helped restore normal base operations.

The 8th SVS also established several Kunsan activities to keep morale high. Some activities offered at the Loring Club include free dinners offered twice a week, a free continental breakfast offered daily, and free steak dinners at the end of exercises.

According to Cole, in an effort to "making the days count, not counting the days," the squadron focused on improving quality of life through facility improvements.

"We have revamped the golf course by including tees, paths, shelters and also a new clubhouse," said Cole. "We have also added a new restaurant and lounge in the old Officers' Club and completed a popular renovation at the bowling center."

The 8th SVS continues to strive for success.

"We should complete the renovation of the Community Center by early May," said Cole. "We've also ordered new carpet for the O'Malley (dining facility) and we've redone all of our menus."

According to Cole, all 270 8th SVS men and women deserve to be called top-performers.

"I've never been more proud to serve with a unit than the 8th SVS and the Wolf Pack," Cole said.

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Members of the Wolf Pack enjoy country music star MC Potts during a concert at the Loring Club Wednesday. Last year 8th Services Squadron of

keep morale high among personnel assigned to Kunsan.



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Above: A member of the Republic of Korea Air Force tries for a strike at the Yellow Sea Bowling Center. 8th SVS recently completed renovations to the bowling center to include glow-in-the-dark lanes. Right: Staff Sgt. Marylee Sangalang buys bus tickets at the Community Center.

